

**WASHINGTON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**October 3, 2008**

*Board Members:* Allie Joiner (District #1)  
Pat Clothier (District #2)  
Gail Pollock (District #3)  
Nita Kamphuis (District #4)  
Char Parsley (District #5)  
Ariele Belo (District #7)  
Sidney Weldele-Wallace (District #8)  
Larry Swift (District #9)

*Absent:* Rita Reandeau (District #6)

*Legal Counsel:* Bonnie Terada

*Superintendent:* Rick Hauan

*Guests:* Jane Mulholland, Assistant Superintendent  
April Rounds, Human Resources Manager  
Bill Newell, Principal  
Chuck McCarthy, Director of Business Operations  
Lorana Myers, Federation  
Lori Scheer-Matheson, WPEA  
Heidi Redford, PSO  
Carey Price, WSDAA

*Recorder:* Judy Smith

*Interpreters:* Roslyn Ward, Don Coates

*The meeting was called to order by Allie Joiner, Board Chair, at 9:05 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.*

*Welcome to Nita Kamphuis, new Board member from Congressional District #4!*

**Minutes from September 5, 2008, meeting**

*Larry Swift moved that the September 5, 2008, minutes be approved. Gail Pollock seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.*

**Reports**

**Superintendent's report**

- **State Finance Report (Fiscal Year 09)/Action Plan for state hiring freeze**

- The following memos from the Office of Financial Management (OFM) were discussed.
  - \$200 Million Needed (September 18, 2008)
  - Press Release – Washington quarterly revenue projection down (September 18, 2008)
  - Development of the 2009 Supplemental Budget (September 22, 2008)
- WSD's action plan to address the issues discussed in these memos include:
  - No out of state travel planned
    - Travel to WSBC (Western States Basketball Classic) for 2009 has been put on hold as the tournament will be held in Riverside, California.
    - WSD will not be participating in the Roadrunner Classic in December.
      - Larry Swift suggested that WSD pursue the idea of putting together an event similar to the Roadrunner Classic involving the Oregon School for the Deaf as well as students from other school districts in the State of Washington.
      - The Superintendent will meet with the Athletic Director to discuss this issue.
    - Completed action
      - Eliminated one management position in August
      - Suspended hiring one secretary and ILS coordinator
      - Adjusted cottage staffing to meet student needs
  - **Adjusted Construction Request (2009/2011 biennium)**
    - A meeting was held with Harvey Childs, WSD's OFM (Office of Financial Management) Analyst for capital projects. He asked on behalf of OFM that WSD divide out the next phase to reduce the impact in the next biennium.
    - A "Cost Estimate Summary" was distributed. By delaying the start of construction 12 months it moves the those costs to the next biennium which is important due to current fiscal limitations.
    - The Board would like to invite the architects to a future Board meeting to review the revised plan, once developed.
    - Char Parsley suggested that a video (signed) be put on WSD's website explaining the construction process and asking for feedback from community members.
    - The Board would like the opportunity to meet with the staff who will be occupying the new academic building to see how they envision its use.
    - The Board asked the Superintendent to develop a small kit that they could use to discuss Phase 2 with community members in their areas.

- Larry Swift moved to direct the Superintendent to modify the budget proposal for the next biennium. Pat Clothier seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.
- **Updated – Cheryl Delyria, et al. v. State of Washington, School for the Blind**
  - The Superintendent attended this recent Supreme Court hearing. A response is anticipated within the next three to four months.
  - If a decision is in favor of Delyria the matter would go to the legislature for approval and funding. If a decision is for the state the matter is closed.

#### **WSQA (Washington State Quality Award) Submission**

- WSD's WSQA submission was discussed. This document gives a nice business model perspective of the agency.

#### **Clark College Joint Board meeting invitation**

- Clark College has invited the Superintendent and members of the Board to attend a joint meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The Superintendent will RSVP that he and several of WSD Board members will attend.

#### **Academic Update (Bill Newell, Principal; Shauna Bilyeu, Curriculum Specialist; Ginger Speranza, Librarian)**

- Shauna Bilyeu, Curriculum Specialist
  - (handout) Curriculum projects currently underway
  - In the information gathering process for a Social Studies curriculum. The Social Studies Curriculum Committee will make a presentation to the Board in the spring.
  - STAR Reading and Math testing has been completed for fall.
  - Working on cleaning up and organizing the Curriculum Lab.
  - The Board would like a demonstration of Accelerated Reader (AR) and Accelerated Math (AM) at a future meeting.
- Ginger Speranza, Librarian
  - Library Libby will be working with the seniors to read stories to the elementary students
  - Scholastic Book Fair – October 17-24, 2008
  - The Library now has 24,000 books.
  - 2,995 books have been checked out so far this school year.
  - (handout) What's New at the WSD Library
- Bill Newell, Principal
  - (handout) Academic Update
  - The Principal gave a brief update on future events in both the academic department and campus wide.
- Jane Mulholland, Assistant Superintendent
  - (handout) Parent Open House & Homecoming
  - All Board members are invited to participant in both these activities
- Rick Hauan, Superintendent
  - Kudos to Bill Newell and the entire Academic department for the wonderful work they did during Deaf Awareness Week

- The Board was impressed with the Deaf Question of the Week which the Principal sends out via the statewide teacher of the deaf listserv.

### **Vision Statement**

The Board does not feel the proposed vision statement is culturally relevant.

The Board suggested that the Superintendent ask students to research vision statements from Schools for the Deaf and local school districts in the state of Washington. They will present suggestions at a future Board meeting.

Larry Swift then moved that the Board direct the Superintendent to ask students to research and come up with ideas for a branding statement and present information related to other vision statements to the Board of Trustees. Pat Clothier seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved with one opposed.

### **Board Meeting Costs and Meeting Locations**

(handout) Board of Trustees Expenses

- The expenses for Board meetings have stayed pretty much the same for the last five years.
- Ideas for savings
  - Changing the meeting to 10 a.m. to prevent overnight accommodations
  - Share a rental car
  - Cut down on the number of meetings. It was decided that since the Board is a governing Board it is important to meet once a month
  - Summer meeting – video/telephone meeting

Larry Swift moved that the Board devise a plan to reduce their costs by 10% and ask the Board Finance Committee to find ways to achieve that goal. Pat Clothier seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Several members of the Board would like to donate their per diem amount back to WSD. Board members can turn in a letter to the Director of Business Operations stating they will not be turning in a claim for per diem. Bonnie Terada will check out the legal issues surrounding this matter.

### **Introduction of new staff (social)**

New staff members were introduced to the Board of Trustees.

### **Executive Session**

The Executive Session was cancelled.

### **Financial Update**

Every month the Board will receive a budgetary summary. The memos from OFM were discussed further. The Board needs to plan for possible future cuts.

The Board would like the Board Finance Committee and the Superintendent to develop a preliminary emergency plan for the WSD general budget to further reduce costs by 10%.

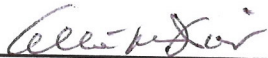
It was suggested that this topic be added to each of the next three Board meetings and community members be invited to offer suggestions and ideas for cost savings.

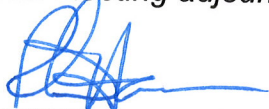
**November Board Meeting – November 7, 2008**

Char Parsley made a motion that the Board's November meeting be held in Vancouver. Sidney Weldele-Wallace seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

**Adjournment**

Char Parsley moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ariele Belo seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved. The meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

  
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Allie "AJ" Joiner, Chair  
WSD Board of Trustees

  
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Rick Hauan, Superintendent  
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